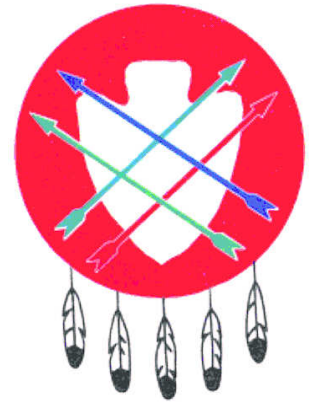


PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

Toni-We-Kee-Toh

“Where are we going”



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CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Thanksgiving is the time we give thanks for everything we have and celebrate the harvest of the year. Each one of us has so much in our lives to be thankful for; our elders, children, our health, and the cherished memories of the past year we have had with loved ones. We, as a tribe, have much to be thankful for; sound business practices, wise investments in our future, and continued growth in our entire organization. We, as elected officials, want to thank you, the tribal members, for the faith you have in us to conduct your tribal affairs in a respective manner, thinking of the entire tribe's well being, not in selfish individual wealth.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who attended our Veteran's

Service at the Peoria Tribal Cemetery on the November 11. We gathered to honor the past and deceased veterans and those currently serving our country. A special thank you to the singers and our guest speaker, Robert Alexander.

I hope this letter finds everyone in good health. It can be a tough time of year for many. We are a family; taking care of one another should be one of the things for which we are all thankful. I encourage everyone to attend this year's Children's Christmas Party which will be at the Ottawa/Peoria Cultural Building on Saturday, December 4 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. It's always a joy to see the children get their presents and pictures taken with Santa. I hope to see everyone there.

I am looking forward to the holidays and spending time with friends and family. May you each have a Happy Holiday Season,

John P. Froman
Chief

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2011 ANNUAL TRIBAL ELECTIONS

Offices to be filled by election in March 2011 are: Secretary (currently held by Hank Downum), and Third Councilman (currently held by Alan Goforth). The term of office for each is four (4) years.

Notice of the Election, qualifications of candidates and procedures for filing for candidacy will be mailed to all tribal members of voting age.

Mark your calendars for the March 5, 2011 Annual Election and plan to attend the Annual Peoria Council Meeting.

MASTER'S PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

At the Business Committee Meeting held on June 1, 2010, it was discussed and approved to implement a scholarship for tribal members to attend and receive their master's degree. You must be enrolled into a master's program. The amount to be funded is \$3000 a semester for four semesters total. The master's program application can be downloaded from the website, www.peoriatribes.com under Education on the Programs page. Please contact Mandie at the office to answer any questions you might have. 918-540-2535 Ext. 10 or 1-800-259-9987

TRADING POST

ITEMS WITH PEORIA LOGO

T-Shirts, children (12, 24 month & 3T, ex.sm, sm., med., lg.)	\$8.00
T-Shirts, adults (sm., med., lg.)	\$8.00
T-Shirts, adults (XL)	\$10.00
T-Shirts, adults (XXL & XXXL)	\$12.00
Ceramic coffee mugs	\$5.00 ea. Or 2/\$9.00
14 oz. Travel mugs	\$5.00
Tribal Caps (many colors)	\$10.00
Novelty License Plates	\$6.00

OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE

Peoria History Books	\$20.00
Miami-Peoria Dictionary	\$7.00
Beaded Indian Head Pins	\$5.00
Beaded Key Chains	\$10.00—\$12.00
Dream Catchers	Sm. \$8.00; Lg. \$12.00
Shawls	\$50.00
Beaded Ear Rings	\$10.00—\$12.00
Beaded Necklaces	\$5.00—\$25.00
Snow People (pair)	\$10.00
Renuzite Dolls	\$5.00
Leather Purse	\$40.00
Aprons	\$20.00
Dish Towels (set of 7)	\$35.00
Pillows	\$12.00
Night Light Cover	\$6.00

Trading Post!!

The trading post has a variety of items available at reasonable prices. For children you might want to consider a t-shirt or a beaded night light cover. Almost any teen would appreciate a history book or dictionary to learn more about his/her heritage. Ideas for adults include coffee mugs for home or travel.

The sizes for the t-shirts are as small as 12 month and go up from there for adults. The trading post still has the dictionary of the Miami-Peoria language at a cost of \$7.00.

It is not possible for us to estimate the exact shipping charges for your order until we know the total weight of your items. Our estimated shipping/processing/handling fees are as follows:

Orders up to \$75.00 will be \$7.50 and over \$75.00 is going to be 10% of merchandise total. Please add shipping/handling charges as listed above to your purchase and make your check payable to PEORIA TRIBE and mail to PO Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355-1527. Allow at least 10 days for delivery.

Don't forget the beading class is for anyone to come and enjoy. If you know how to bead and would like to teach the ladies some new techniques please come by the office on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.



PEORIA RIDGE GOLF COURSE

To schedule a golf outing of your own, please contact Peoria Ridge Golf Course at 918-542-7676.

Rates (Includes Cart):

Monday-Friday.....	\$30
Saturday-Sunday & Holidays.....	\$40
Senior (55 & Older) Monday-Friday.....	\$24
Twilight Mon.-Fri.....	\$26
Twilight Sat.-Sun.....	\$32
Member-Guest Mon.-Fri.....	\$24
Member-Guest Sat.-Sun. & Holidays....	\$30
Monday-Friday after 5:00.....	\$15
9-holes only	

Tribal Members Show Cards for Free Golf!
Call the pro shop for monthly Promotional specials!

Request for Change of Address

Date: _____

Tribal Member:

(First Name)

(Middle Name)

(Maiden Name/Last Name)

DOB: _____

(Social Security Number)

Roll No. _____

New Address: _____

Old Address: _____

Address

Address

City State Zip

City State Zip

Home Phone

E-mail

Signature of applicant

Please list all tribal members of household who will need to have address changed:

(Name) (Date of Birth) (SSN)

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PEORIA TRIBE SUMMARY OF TRUST FUNDS September 30, 2010				
ACTIVITY			TOTAL	
114 ACRES AT WYANDOTTE			\$2,045.71	
PEORIA DESCENDANTS	PRINCIPAL	0	10,224.64	
	INTEREST	10,224.64		
EDUCATION (Transfer)			807.14	
EDUCATION	PRINCIPAL	176,850.16	240,806.20	
	INTEREST	63,956.04		
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	PRINCIPAL	172,150.95	227,435.02	
	INTEREST	55,284.07		
LAND ACQUISITION	PRINCIPAL	172,150.95	227,491.68	
	INTEREST	55,340.73		
BURIAL	PRINCIPAL	57,386.81	76,996.34	
	INTEREST	19,609.53		
TRIBAL GOV'T	PRINCIPAL	571,426.23	827,942.13	
	INTEREST	256,515.90		
LEGAL	PRINCIPAL	57,386.81	78,016.29	
	INTEREST	20,629.48		
TOTAL			1,691,765.15	
			SUMMARY	
OVERNIGHTER (U.S. TREASURY)			177,072.77	
INVESTMENTS			1,514,692.38	
TOTAL			1,691,765.15	

Child Care Development Fund Program

The qualifications for the program are:

- There will always be a co-pay per child per month for each family.
- Live within 100 miles of the Peoria Tribal Office in the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, or Oklahoma.
- There must be an Indian in the household.
- Be under 13 years of age; or be under age 19 and physically or mentally incapable of caring for themselves; or under court supervision.
- Reside with a family whose income does not exceed the maximum net income level. There will be some deductions considered. Income level does not apply to the children that are physically or mentally incapable of caring for themselves.
- Co-pay **example:** Monthly net income of \$3,764.00 for a family of four, the co-pay would be \$54.00 per child per month. Every family will have a co-pay.
- Reside with a parent, parents or guardian who are gainfully employed or attending a job training or educational program; or receive, or need to receive, protective services.
- Adult must be at work or in class in order for the CCDF Program to assist with child care.

For additional information on Oklahoma Child Care Licensing go to: www.okdhs.org/childcare.

A great web site to check when looking for childcare is Oklahoma Child Care Resource & Referral Associations, Inc. at www.oklahomachildcare.org

Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma**Unaudited Summary Expenditure Budget Report**

As of 10/31/2010

(In Whole Dollars)

Open FY 2011 Programs

Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Indian Child Welfare	99,241	-	99,241
Natural Resource Damage Assessment	33,400	6,931	26,469
Community Health Representative	54,237	-	54,237
Title VI	141,660	71,436	70,224
Nutrition Service Incentive Program	15,303	7,652	7,652
Indirect Cost Pool	397,920	206,038	191,882
Tribal Properties	270,298	58,035	212,263
Trading Post	7,581	988	6,593
Children's Christmas Special Revenue Fund	7,730	2,864	4,866
Gaming Commission	370,200	174,102	196,098
Cemetery Special Revenue Fund	8,409	6,756	1,653
Pow Wow Fund*	28,227	26,906	1,321
Tribal Enterprises	-	158	(158)
Education/Activity 2617	950,000	487,975	462,025
Economic Development / Activity 2614	150,000	-	150,000
Land Acquisition/Activity	900,000	-	900,000
Burial / Activity 2617	95,000	55,027	39,973
Tribal Government / Activity 2621	794,412	75,130	719,282
Legal Fees / Activity 2627	25,000	7,594	17,406
Totals FY 2011	4,348,618	1,187,591	3,161,027

Open FY 2010 Programs

Account Title	Currently Budgeted	Actual Cumulative Expenditures	Total Budget Remaining
Aid To Tribal Government Contract	246,006.00	0	246,006
Indian Child Welfare	90,531	88,112	2,419
Higher Education	57,826	56,109	1,717
IRR Roads	8,748	-	8,748
Fish Hatchery Maintenance	14,000	-	14,000
Child Care and Development Fund	742,949	16,332	726,617
Community Health Representative	54,237	50,973	3,264
Chronic Wasting Disease	10,000	-	10,000
USDA Rural Development	50,000	33,261	16,739
Energy Efficiency & Conservation	65,400	7,695	57,705
Fire Prevention & Safety Grant	117,219	69,798	47,421
Totals FY 2010	1,456,916	322,280	1,134,636

Open FY 2009 Programs

Account Title	Currently Budgeted	Actual Cumulative Expenditures	Total Budget Remaining
Aid To Tribal Government Contract	250,981.00	159,902	91,079
Water Resources Contract	24,167	14,978	9,189
Fish Hatchery Maintenance	18,800	14,324	4,476
Fish & Wildlife	199,846	106,977	92,869
NAGPRA	60,483	17,516	42,967
IRR Roads	28,905	3,911	24,994
GAP	250,000	85,289	164,711
Air Program	133,238	113,486	19,752
Water Quality Program	110,526	93,647	16,879
Totals FY 2009	1,076,946	610,030	466,916

Open FY 2008 Programs

Account Title	Currently Budgeted	Actual Cumulative Expenditures	Total Budget Remaining
Aid To Tribal Government Contract	329,152.46	291,943	37,209
Housing Improvement Program Contract	25,069	-	25,069
National Parks Service	65,207	61,415	3,792
Totals FY 2008	419,428	353,358	66,070

Open FY 2007 Programs

Account Title	Currently Budgeted	Actual Cumulative Expenditures	Total Budget Remaining
Aid To Tribal Government Contract	232,390.00	231,770	620
Housing Improvement Program Contract	128	95	33
IRR Roads	13,716	13,635	81
Totals FY 2007	246,234	245,500	734

Open FY 2003 Programs

Account Title	Currently Budgeted	Actual Cumulative Expenditures	Total Budget Remaining
Housing Improvement Program	98,845	58,734	40,111
Totals FY 2003	98,845	58,734	40,111

Tribal Committees

Grievance Committee

Katy Sisco.....2012
 Annette Black.....2013
 Claude Landers..... 2013
 Anita Renee Blount.....2014
 Matthew Westphal.....2014

Election Committee

Tonya Grayson, Chairperson; Toni Potts,
 Secretary; Roberta Lindsly; Bud Ellis

Enrollment Committee

Alice Burgess; Jenny Rampey; Gale Wayne Black

Economic Development/Finance/ Properties

Alice Burgess, Chairperson; Roberta Lindsly,
 Secretary; John Livingston; and Alan Goforth

Housing/Social Services

Alice Burgess, Chairperson; Beebe Mitchell;
 M. Annette Black

Education Committee

Donna Fitzgibbon, Chairperson; Alan Goforth,
 Secretary; Sadie Detherage

Audit Committee

Michael Lewis and Jason Pogue

Culture and Language Committee

Donna Fitzgibbon and Kevin Dawes

Stomp Dance Committee

Rob Blalock, Chairperson; John Froman; Rick
 Landers; Terry Kinder; Alice Burgess; Ruthie Jones;
 Donna Fitzgibbon; Karen Stand; David Tyner; Dar-
 lene Young; Jeffery "Dude" Blalock; Bill Blalock

Repatriation Committee

Jason Dollarhide, Co-Chairperson; Charla K.
 EchoHawk, Co-Chairperson; Michael Eddy; John
 Froman; Eddie Froman; Don Giles; Cynthia
 Purgason; ; LeAnne Reeves; Jane Hahn, Laura
 McCoy

Cemetery Committee

Bill Blalock and John Froman

Historical Committee

Joann Evans, Chairperson; Roberta Lindsly; Alice
 Burgess; Rick Landers

FROM THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE

Since August, the Enrollment Office has received eighty-four (84) address changes and twelve (12) name changes. Twenty-four (24) duplicate membership card applications were processed. The Business Committee has approved twenty-nine (29) new members. Currently there are 2946 tribal members.

Is your State Certified Birth Certificate on file in the Enrollment Office?

The Enrollment Office is continuing to update all tribal membership files. Many members have already sent in their state certified birth certificates. To comply with Federal guidelines and be eligible for a CDIB card, issued through the BIA, a state certified birth certificate is required. Reminder; state certified birth certificates must show, state file number, state seal, state registrars signature and parentage. If you are unsure if you have a state birth certificate on file, or need assistance in acquiring one, please call the Enrollment Office. We have most state applications for birth certificates in the office. Currently there are 1150 members without a state certified birth certificate on file.

Is your name updated in your membership file?

The Enrollment Office will be glad to assist any member who needs to have their name changed. If your name has changed and you would like your enrollment file to reflect your current legal name please bring or send in your legal documentation (such as marriage license, court order, etc.) and the change can be made. If you are receiving the tribal newsletter with a previous name listed on the address label, please call the enrollment office for assistance or send your legal documentation (i.e. marriage license, court order, etc.) so your file can be updated. It has been observed, the postal service has been returning newsletters and other miscellaneous correspondence sent from the Tribe if a persons name does not match their postal record.

Missing or Change of Address

We still have several members (628) listed on the whereabouts unknown list. Any and all help is appreciated in finding these members. Several members have contacted the office with an update of family members. When the Enrollment Office receives a telephonic or electronic address change, the Enrollment Office will send a change of address form to the missing member with a request for completing the change of address form. Once the Enrollment Office receives the original, signed, completed form, the address is updated and the form is placed in the members file for accuracy. The Enrollment Office must have written permission from the tribal member, over the age of 18, or the legal custodial parent, for members under 18, on file for address changes. If you know someone on the list, above the age of 18, please have them drop us a letter, with their signature, requesting the address change or send them the change of address form. If you have a child under the age of 18 (and you are the legal custodial parent) who is listed on the list, please fill out the change of address form, sign and return to the Enrollment Office.

For your convenience, a change of address form has been placed in the newsletter. If anyone has knowledge of a person or persons listed on the whereabouts unknown list, sending this form to them would be greatly appreciated. The address for returning the form is:

Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
Attn: Enrollment Office
PO Box 1527
Miami OK 74355

Thank you to all who have and will assist in this ongoing endeavor. All help is valued.

Enrollment Ordinance Reminders

The Enrollment Office receives calls with requests for help or general enrollment information. To help members, listed below are a few reminders of the Enrollment Ordinance, which was revised and approved March 23, 2002. Below are sections of the Enrollment Ordinance of which the questions or information are typically asked.

Section 2. Dual enrollment with another Federally recognized tribe is prohibited and such prohibition shall be strictly applied; an enrolled member of another tribe shall not be eligible for membership with the Peoria Tribe. If a member of another tribe wishes to become a member of the Peoria Tribe, they must first relinquish all membership with other Federally recognized tribes.

Section 8. Each enrollment application must be completed in its entirety and must contain sufficient information to determine the applicant's eligibility for enrollment. Applicants must list the following on enrollment applications: all names by which the applicant has been known, applicant's current mailing address, name and notarized affidavit confirming applicant is not enrolled with any other Federally recognized tribe, and signature of the applicant or signature of the person filing the application on behalf of the applicant.

Section 9. Applications for enrollment must be accompanied with a State certified birth certificate. Applications received without a State certified birth certificate will not be processed. The following must be visible on State certified birth certificates:

State Seal
State File number
State Registrar's signature

State certified birth certificates must also be recorded with the State Vital Records Division of the state of birth. The following documents **are not** acceptable when accompanied with enrollment applications:

Hospital birth certificates
Baptismal certificate (even when parents' names are shown)
Heirship records
County abstracts

Approval of birth certificates issued by foreign nations or other highest-ranking governmental sub-division with jurisdiction to issue birth certificates will be at the discretion of the Enrollment Committee.

Section 18. Changes to active membership records, such as name changes due to marriage or divorce, must be made by legal documentation (i.e. marriage license, divorce decree, court order, etc.). Active members with change of addresses and other status information must notify the Enrollment Office at P.O. Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355 or by telephone at 918-540-2535 or 1-800-259-9987. Maintenance and accuracy of membership record data is the sole responsibility of each tribal member. Each tribal member is personally accountable for correct membership record information (i.e. contact information and/or name changes). The Tribal Enrollment Office will review changes to membership records to be forwarded to the Enrollment Committee; the Enrollment Committee shall certify its recommendation of approval to be approved by the Peoria Business Committee. Changes to membership records must ultimately be passed by resolution from the Business Committee and submitted to the Miami Area Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

If I can be of any assistance please call (918) 540-2535 or (800) 259-9987.

Submitted by,

Donna Harp, Enrollment Clerk



Necklace Breast Plate from the Peoria Tribal Collection—Illinois State Museum



Phase II completion photos Peoria School House



Special Projects/ NAGPRA

Greetings and I hope all is well in this season of thanks. I have been very busy these last few months trying to get caught up on the latest NAGPRA issues as well planning the next phase for our School House Project. Chief Froman, Charla Echohawk and Jason Dollarhide have provided me with valuable insight as we move forward with our NAGPRA program and the repatriation process. Please take a moment to review the photos from our August trip to Illinois State Museum. Our NAGPRA grant allowed us to make the journey to Springfield, Illinois and view firsthand the Peoria Tribal collection housed at Illinois State Museum. Chief Froman, Second Chief Dollarhide and Annette Black accompanied me to the museum as we made plans for the digitization of the 35mm slides of the Peoria collection. The museum has approximately 500 slides of the almost 30,000 artifacts housed there. The images, once digitized, will be copied to a "disc" for distribution at the Annual General Council Meeting in March. Images will also be posted on our website for tribal members to view. As always working with Dr. Robert Warren, curator of the Peoria Tribal Collection has been a pleasure.

I am excited to report approval of grant funding for our next phase of the Peoria School House Project. This Phase III grant will fund interior renovations at the School House. We are currently in consultation with the architect regarding this important phase of the project and should have bid packets ready to go out after the first of the year. I am sure tribal members are excited to see this project moving forward. I have included a few pictures of the Peoria School House which were taken following the completion of Phase II of the project. Again I will keep tribal members posted as to progress both through the newsletter as well as website updates.

Charla Echohawk and Jason Dollarhide, as co-chairs for the Repatriation Committee, have been in contact with me as we plan our next meeting. Our plans are to host here at the Tribal Office a "NAGPRA 101" workshop for all tribal members. My apologies for not having a firm date as of this newsletter, however we are planning on a date sometime before the Annual General Council Meeting in March. The workshop date will be posted on the website as soon as possible. Our plans are to have someone from the National NAGPRA office in for the day workshop and invite all interested tribal members to attend. As always you may contact me at the Tribal Office if you have further questions.

Have a great Holiday,

Frank Hecksher, Special Projects/NAGPRA

Jesuit Bell & Jesuit Ring from the Peoria Tribal Collection—Illinois State Museum



ELECTION NOTICE

The Election Committee of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma announces a Tribal Election for the following positions: Secretary, and Third Councilman. The annual election will be held on **Saturday, March 5, 2011**, at the Peoria Tribal Administration Building Conference Room, 118 South Eight Tribes Trail in Miami, Oklahoma. Polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Any member of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma shall be eligible to vote, provided the member is eighteen (18) years of age or over on the date of election. **Members will be required to show either their Tribal Card or Driver's License at time of voting.** The ballots will be counted and tabulated and the results announced immediately. In the event no candidate receives a majority vote, the Election Committee will immediately conduct a run-off election.

According to the Election Ordinance, in the event that only one candidate files for elective office, that candidate shall be declared elected. In the event that a candidate is declared elected, it will not be necessary for the Peoria Tribe to conduct an election, by ballot, for that elective office. Furthermore, in the event a candidate is declared elected, that candidate shall assume office upon taking the Oath of Office.

In the event no one files for an elective office in accordance with the forty-five (45) day Nomination policy, the Election Committee shall issue a second Election Notice.

Candidacy Filing Deadline

All candidates must file their Declaration of Candidacy forms and pay the filing fee, in person, with the Election Committee or the Committee's designated representative at the Peoria Tribal Office, 118 South Eight Tribes Trail in Miami, Oklahoma, during normal working hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday). **The deadline for filing is 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2011. Please note the tribal office will be closed Monday, January 17, 2011, in observance of a Federal holiday.**

QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES

The following qualifications for candidates must be satisfied in accordance with the Constitution of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma:

Article IX, Section 5

Qualifications of Candidates – Any member of the Peoria Tribe who is at least twenty-five (25) years of age on the date of election; and who has never been convicted of a felony in a court of competent jurisdiction, shall qualify as a candidate for membership on the Business Committee or Grievance Committee.

Any member of the Peoria Tribe who files for an elective office and is currently holding another elective Tribal office, will upon filing, immediately resign his or her present office. Resigning from a present office will apply only if an incumbent files for a different elective office.

Article IX, Section 6

Nominations – Nominations for the Business Committee and the Grievance Committee shall be filed with the Election Committee at least forty-five (45) days prior to the election in accordance with the Election Ordinance.

FILING PROCEDURES

Filing procedures are prescribed by the Election Ordinance and governed by the Constitution of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

Candidate For Office: Any qualified member of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma who desires his/her name to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for any elective office, shall file a Declaration of Candidacy form with the Election Committee or the Committee's designated representative. The official form shall be provided by the Peoria Tribe. The prospective candidate's membership shall be verified by the Tribal Enrollment Officer and a background investigation conducted by the Election Committee.

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

How to Protect Your Family from the Health Effects of Smoke

If you are healthy, you're usually not at a major risk from short-term exposures to smoke. Still, it's a good idea to avoid breathing smoke if you can help it. Smoke is made up of a complex mixture of gases and fine particles produced when wood and other organic matter burn. The biggest health threat from smoke comes from fine particles. These microscopic particles can get into your eyes and respiratory system, where they can cause health problems such as burning eyes, runny nose, and illnesses such as bronchitis. Fine particles also can aggravate chronic heart and lung diseases - and even are linked to premature deaths in people with these conditions.

Pay attention to local air quality reports and stay alert to any news coverage or health warnings related to smoke.

Use common sense. If it looks smoky outside, it's probably not a good time to mow the lawn or go for a run. And it's probably not a good time for your children to play outdoors.

If you are advised to stay indoors, take steps to keep indoor air as clean as possible. Keep your windows and doors closed - unless it's extremely hot outside.

Run your air conditioner, if you have one. Keep the fresh air intake closed and the filter clean to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. Note: If you don't have an air conditioner, staying inside with the windows closed may be dangerous in extremely hot weather. In these cases, seek alternative shelter.

Help keep particle levels inside lower. When smoke levels are high, try to avoid using anything that burns, such as wood fireplaces, gas logs, gas stoves - and even candles! Don't vacuum. That stirs up particles already inside your home. And don't smoke. That puts even more pollution in your lungs, and in the lungs of people around you. If you have asthma or other lung disease, make sure you follow your doctor's directions about taking your medicines and following your asthma management plan. Call your doctor if your symptoms worsen.

If you have heart or lung disease, if you are an older adult, or if you have children, talk with your doctor about whether and when you should leave the area. When smoke is heavy for a prolonged period of time, fine particles can build up indoors even though you may not be able to see them.

Water Program

Some of you are familiar with the Tar Creek Superfund Site and have possibly heard of the effect the abandoned mines and chat piles have on the water quality on predominately Tar Creek which is a tributary to both the Neosho and Spring Rivers along with Grand Lake. For those of you that don't know about this particular issue, the Picher area was subject to years of mining for heavy metals which has now resulted in abandoned mines that are a source of ground- and surface-water contamination. To gain an understanding

of the controlling processes in the transport of heavy-metal contaminants, which can be applied at other sites, the U.S. Geological Survey's Toxic Substances Hydrology

Age and Breathe Healthier

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States, claiming more than 125,000 lives in 2005. In 2006, COPD caused 672,000 hospitalization and 1.4 million hospital emergency room visits. COPD includes chronic bronchitis and emphysema these lung diseases frequently co-exist and are characterized by obstruction to air flow, making it difficult to breathe. Smokers are practically at risk of developing COPD. However, it also has been linked to exposure to dust and fumes. Symptoms include chronic cough, increased mucus production, chest tightness, shortness of breath and difficulty breathing.

The economic impact of COPD and asthma are evident. In 2007, the annual treatment cost for all age groups was approximately \$43 billion for COPD. COPD is particularly common among older adults and significantly compromises their quality of life. As baby boomers age, the number of older adults affected by COPD and asthma is expected to grow significantly.

The environment plays a big role in the triggering of COPD and asthma. Exposure to air pollution can pose a significant risk to older adults, especially those with lung disease and may be responsible for serious health effects, including hospitalization and premature death. Ozone also may aggravate lung disease and may result in emergency room and hospital admissions. Pollutants that exist within homes and buildings also may be harmful to persons with COPD and asthma. Many older people spend up to 90 percent of their time indoors, often at home. Common indoor environmental hazards that may trigger COPD and asthma attacks include tobacco smoke (both direct and secondhand smoke), animal dander, dust mites and cockroaches, mold, dust and pollen. Other sources of indoor air pollution that may trigger a COPD or asthma attack include combustion of oil, gas, kerosene, and coal, and building materials and furnishings made of pressed wood products. Pesticides, household cleaning products and substances with irritation odors also may triggers.

There are ways that you can reduce your exposure to environmental hazards; here are some preventive measures to take so that you and your families can breathe easier.

- Avoid tobacco smoke
- Avoid smoke from wood-burning stove
- Reduce mold, dust mites and cockroaches in your home
- Keep pets out of sleeping areas
- Check furnace and heating units annually
- Fix water leaks promptly

EDUCATION

Thank you to the Education Committee members: Donna Fitzgibbon, Sadie Detherage, and Alan Goforth. The committee is responsible for screening student applications and I know their efforts are appreciated. I mailed out 220 renewal applications and 10 new applications for the Spring 2011 semester. The Education Committee will meet in January 2011 to review the applications received by the deadline January 7.

Financial need is not one of the criteria for the Peoria scholarship. Every Peoria college student is encouraged to apply. Please feel free to stop by the Peoria Tribal Office for other financial aid or scholarship information. It is never too early to obtain a scholarship application. You may do so by writing Education Director, Peoria Tribe, P.O. Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355; by phoning the Peoria office 1-918-540-2535 ext 10 or 1-800-259-9987 ext 10; or check it out on the Peoria Tribal website, www.peoriatribe.com.

Application deadlines are July 31 for the Fall semester and January 7 for the Spring semester. Incomplete or postage due applications will not be considered. Students who accept scholarship funds but do not complete their obligation for that semester and maintain a 2.5 GPA forfeit their eligibility for one semester.

If you know a Peoria student who has received scholastic honors or other special recognition at his or her school, please let the Education Director know. The Peoria Tribe is proud of our students and would like to acknowledge their accomplishments in a future newsletter. If you have a family member who won't "toot their own horn", please do it for them. I can be reached at 1-800-259-9987, or 1-918-540-2535. Please feel free to call me with any questions you may have about the scholarship program or about the part-time funding.

Mandie Ferguson, Education Director

Declaration of Candidacy: The Declaration of Candidacy shall be in writing in the form prescribed by the Election Committee and filed in person during normal working hours, at least forty-five (45) days prior to the election, at the Peoria Tribal office building or other designated location. No person shall be a candidate for more than one (1) position on the Business Committee at any time.

Filing Fee: There shall be a non-refundable fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) paid by prospective candidates for the elected offices. The filing fee shall be by cash, certified check, or money order, made payable to the Peoria Tribe. The filing fee shall be paid, in person, on the same date the prospective candidate submits his/her Declaration of Candidacy. This filing fee shall be deposited into the Tribal treasury for the use of the Tribe to defray all expenses incurred as a result of the election.

Withdrawal: A person seeking an elected office may withdraw his/her Declaration of Candidacy by filing a written notice of withdrawal, in person, with the Election Committee or designated representative. The notice of withdrawal shall be filed during normal working hours at the Peoria Tribal office building or other designated location. Such notice shall contain the candidate's name, address and the position for which he/she is a candidate. Also, such notice shall be signed by the candidate and notarized. If a candidate withdraws after ballots have been printed, the Election Committee shall post notices to that effect at the voting place and within the voting booths and make a line through or otherwise obliterate the candidate's name from the ballots. Any votes cast for a withdrawn candidate shall not be counted.

Verify Qualifications of Candidates: The Election Committee shall review all filings for the elected office to ascertain that the prospective candidates meet the qualifications set forth in Article IX, Section 5 of the Constitution of the Peoria Tribe. The Election Committee shall make these determinations no later than ten (10) days following receipt of Declaration of Candidacy form. If the Election Committee determines that a person is not eligible to be a candidate, the Election Committee or designated representative shall notify that person in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, of their decision. That person's name shall not be included on the ballot. The ineligible person may appeal, in writing, the Election Committee's decision to the Business Committee at the next monthly meeting of the Business Committee.



Indian Child Welfare

Indian Child Welfare services for the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma are available to all enrolled Tribal members and, in most cases, to those who are eligible for enrollment.

The Indian Child Welfare Program (ICWP) is located in the new Tribal Programs Building. If you should need our services, please feel free to contact us there. The office number is 918-540-2535 you can ask for Doug Journeycake, Director (Ext. 19 or Cell 918-540-4370) and/or Faye Woods, Secretary/Intake Worker (Ext. 32 or Cell 918-533-8808).

Recently the Business Committee approved a resolution presented to them by the ICWP. By approving this resolution they have given their authorization to the Courts of the State of Oklahoma to extend full faith and credit to the records and judicial proceedings of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma and authorizing the CFR Court, a tribal court for the Peoria Tribe, to extend full faith and credit to the records and judicial proceedings of the State of Oklahoma and Indian Tribal Governments. This will assist the ICWP with obtaining state certified records from the Oklahoma State Department of Health. In the past the Vital Records Division refused to honor the CFR courts orders.

Doug Journeycake, Director
Indian Child Welfare

The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians

is requesting assistance for obtaining current addresses for the below listed beneficiary account holders. Account holders can update their address by calling Eleanor Butler at 918-207-4992 or toll free at 1-800-256-0671 Ext 4992 or e-mail: eleanor_butler@ost.doi.gov

Jerry R. Brashear,
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FEMA FIRE SAFETY & PREVENTION

We would like to introduce you to our new program for the 2010-2011 year. We received a FEMA Fire Safety and Prevention Grant which enabled us to purchase a FEMA Safety Trailer. With this trailer we will be going into schools to teach students fire safety and prevention. This is a partnership with the Fire Departments since they are the ones that can really bring life to the situation and make it real and understandable. The safety trailer is self contained so that we can set up and teach anywhere that we are needed. It has a classroom with a kitchen to teach cooking safety along with microwave safety and in this room it has a T.V set up to show them a cartoon about fire safety and prevention. It also has a fireplace that is made up of a light and paper that sounds and looks like a real fireplace. Then there is a bedroom set up with a door that heats to 110 degrees to simulate a fire on the other side and in the video we teach the kids how to touch the door to insure that they are getting an accurate temperature check. There is a control room where we can control the amount and also what room the smoke will come into and it also has the controls for the heated door and the fireplace and lights. It has a fully functional bathroom. So to take you through our program, we will start in the classroom and watch a short video, after the video, we ask a few key questions, then we set the smoke off and the kids have to crawl to safety. The firemen are the ones that help them escape from the building. They come in wearing full gear so that the kids can see and hear them and know not to be afraid. I hope that you will come and join us at the children Christmas party where we will be doing demonstrations for anyone that might like to go through the simulation.

Thank you,
Brandy Mayfield



MONTHLY CHR REPORT NOVEMBER 2010

221	Home Visits
258	Number of people seen in the home
258	Blood pressure screenings in the home
15	Diabetic screenings in the home
02	Anemia screenings in the home
41	Injections given in the home
12	Catheters changed and UA's to area lab
60	Insulin prepared for diabetic patient unable to see well enough to prepare his own.
11	Dressing changed
00	Blood drawn
00	Physical therapy
00	Stitches removed
09	Podiatry clinic in C.H.R. office
23	Phone inquiry and instructions
14	Wellness Health program at CHR office
29	Medication and supplies delivered to homebound

Screenings in CHR office

10	Blood Pressure
02	Diabetic
00	Anemia
04	Cholesterol

O.B. Clinic

15	Prenatal
12	Postnatal
25	Infants
19	Children

Workshops presented: ASSISTED LINDA DAVIS THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE AT NETHS; IN FLU CLINICS; AT BUFALLO RUN CASINO, QUAPAW, SENECA CAYUGA NUTRICIAN CENTER AND GRAND LAKE CASINO. A TOTAL OF 102 FLU SHOTS WERE GIVEN. IF YOU NEED A FLU SHOT YOU MAY CALL MY OFFICE FOR AN APPOINTMENT AND I WILL GIVE YOU ONE. YOU MUST BE EIGHTEEN OR OLDER. UNDER EIGHTEEN CAN GET THEM AT THE INDIAN CLINIC PHONE# 918-540-2535 EXT. 22

Workshops attended: NONE

REFERRALS TO DOCTORS: NETHS, DRS. PAUL TOMA JOPLIN, STOUT, OSBORNE OF MIAMI AND DR GRIGSBY

REFERRALS RECEIVED FROM DOCTORS: DR GROTHEER,

STROUB OF JOPLIN

Thank you for allowing me to serve our people.



Tribal Members Tristan Stand (above) & Troy Stand (below) getting his flu shot at the Flu Clinic at the Peoria Tribal office.



Workers from the Peoria Housing Authority signing the paperwork before they got their flu shots at the Flu Clinic at the Peoria Tribal office.



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Painter helps keep Peoria culture alive

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By SARAH REED/Staff Writer/The Marshall Democrat-News

Artist Tracy Conrad begins to brush an arrowhead onto the red background of her tribal emblem. The arrowhead points downward, indicating that the tribe will live in peace but will not be suppressed.

Their culture was nearly lost more than 100 years ago. Those who call themselves members of the Peoria confederacy have reason to celebrate in recent years. Jewelry and other artifacts continue to be discovered throughout the Midwest, illuminating the culture of this tribe's ancestors. One such piece is an unearthed necklace adorned with images of saints; it nods to the curiosity of the Peoria people and how Catholicism captivated their faith. Today there are no known full-blooded Peoria. "It was lost because of the blood line," said Tracy Conrad, member of the Peoria confederacy. This is one reason why Conrad's contribution to the American Indian Cultural Center is so significant. She captivated visitors Saturday, Aug. 28, with information on the Peoria people and background of their emblem, which was updated in 1983. "There are people who are able to search for artifacts, which I wish I could be a part of," she continued. "If this is what I can contribute then I'm honored to do it." What Conrad is contributing to is a bison hide painting -- an effort put together by Missouri Department of Natural Resources. A representative from the nine tribes that once controlled the area will paint their tribal seal on the hide. It is stretched in a corner of the cultural center, surrounded by life size images of traditional American Indians and encased pottery. Conrad marks the area she will paint then dips a brush in red acrylic and begins the circle. The seal begins with a red circle, which represents the bloodshed, tears, heartache and hardship of the tribe's past. A natural colored arrowhead lies inside the circle, representing the present generation. It marks a promise to preserve the tribe's heritage and customs and points downward to symbolize peace, Conrad says. Four arrows, each a different color, rest interlaced across the arrowhead. According to the Peoria tribal government website, each arrow represents the four tribes that now make up what is known as Peoria -- crossing the arrows indicates the Peoria's strength in banding together. Conrad says many of the traditional Peoria denounced the tribe and became U.S. citizens. The Peoria Tribe of Indians became a confederation when the Kaskaskia, Peoria, Piankeshaw and Wea Indians united in 1854, indicated by the tribal website; their headquarters is located in Miami, Okla. Little is known about the Peoria. Tracy has just learned much of what she knows in the past few years, although her grandmother is a tribal elder. Most of Conrad's art is not considered Native American. "It's usually more abstract. I like working with shapes and bursts, colors and shadows," she says, eyes focused on the painting. The emblem is as thick and stable as the hide on which it's painted. Groups of visitors circle around the artist, some viewing silently and others asking questions about the seal and about Conrad herself. She comes to Van Meter from Tulsa, Okla., where she runs a historic nonprofit organization, which is currently revitalizing a forgotten downtown. Conrad received her masters degree from Oklahoma State University where she taught dance for several years. Painting wasn't something she began until later in life. "(Painting) began as an interior decorating idea," Conrad says. What started as an at-home redesign has become a way to raise awareness and support for the Peoria's history. She makes up one of four living generations in her family.

